



KRUSI PARK

TENNIS COURT RESURFACING PROJECT & PICKLEBALL COURT ALTERNATIVES SPRING/SUMMER 2023

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Introduction & Background

- At the April Recreation & Park Commission meeting, staff requested the Commission consider a potential project to stripe both Pickleball and Tennis Court lines on one of the Krusi Park Tennis Courts.
- The Commission tabled a vote and requested staff meet with neighbors and constituents on a proposal for a Pickleball Trial Period at Krusi Park.
- The Commission also requested identification of alternative Pickleball locations and other city examples of multi-sport courts.

Update on Community Meetings

- Staff met with Pickleball and Tennis representatives at the ARPD offices on 4/20/2023.
- Staff met with Krusi Park Neighbors on 5/3/2023. Concerns included:
 - Additional traffic, loss of privacy, and sound based on distance between homes and the proposed courts
 - Requested consideration of other Alameda locations

Update on Community Meetings

- Larger community meeting with Krusi Park Neighbors, Pickleball and Tennis Supporters on 5/18/2023.
 - Krusi Park Neighbors stated they were not amenable to a trial period for Pickleball at Krusi Park and reiterated concerns
 - Pickleball supporters submitted a compromise proposal for a trial period during various times over the course of several days as opposed to several weeks or months.
 - Ultimately Neighbor representatives agreed to review a Pickleball Trial proposal drafted by Pickleball supporters, and agreed to discuss this proposal with the broader neighborhood community.

Pickleball in the Bay Area

- Several Bay Area communities have had mixed success with building both dedicated Pickleball Courts, and Multi-Sport Courts that are fully adaptable and allow for multiple sports to be played on a shared court.



- The location of these courts vary by community; some courts are located within existing neighborhood parks, and others in specialized facilities/regional park spaces that are further removed from larger residential communities.

City of Oakland

Bushrod Park Multi-Sport Courts



- Located at Bushrod Park, a neighborhood park in the Bushrod Neighborhood in North Oakland.
- Existing Tennis Courts have been striped with Pickleball Lines to allow for both sports to be played interchangeably.
- Reservations available on first come, first serve basis otherwise facilities are open from 6:00AM to 9:00PM everyday.

City & County of San Francisco

Presidio Wall Tennis/Pickleball Courts



- All Tennis Courts have been striped with Pickleball lines and rolling Pickleball nets are available for use by the public
- Various times have been established for reservations, and open play.
- All courts open from Dawn to Dusk
- Busier days of the week are blocked out for reservations, while quieter days and times are available for reservations on a first come, first serve basis through the City website.

City of Berkeley

Cedar-Rose Park Pickleball Courts



- One Tennis Court has been converted into four dedicated Pickleball Courts.
- Neighboring Community members have mounted serious resistance to Pickleball.
- Sound Mitigation efforts including install of sound paneling has been implemented to decrease sound impact

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Rec Sports

Golden Bear Multi-Sport Courts



- Existing Tennis Courts have been striped with Pickleball Lines, Basketball lines, and Futsal Soccer lines to allow for all sports to be played interchangeably.
- Basketball Standards are permanently set
Tennis, Pickleball, and Soccer nets are fully movable

ARPD

Estuary Park Pickleball Courts

- Scheduled to open for the general public in Late 2024/Early 2025.
- Part of Estuary Park Phase II which is currently in design process.
- At least 4, potentially 6 dedicated Pickleball courts to be constructed.
- Located in the N.E. region of the city near Alameda Landing and Bay37 housing developments.
- Walkable/Bikeable - far enough from residential neighborhoods to mitigate sound concerns.

Potential Alternate Locations

Potential Pickleball/Multi-Sport Court Options in Alameda that could be further explored by staff:

Ballena Bay Tennis Courts

(Approx: \$250K+)

- Conversation has yet to occur with adjacent neighbors or Marina.
- 2 Tennis Courts on site
- Extensive work would need to occur before courts could be ready for use by the public.

Washington Park Tennis Courts

(Add Striping for Pickleball) (Approx: \$20K+)

- Least expensive option
- Previously considered by Commission for consideration
- Further exploration by staff would need to occur to understand full scope of work and possible fiscal impact.

College of Alameda Tennis Courts (Approx: \$900K +)

- Most expensive option
- Has been presented to ARPD staff as a possibility
- Has not been formally discussed with College Administration
- Estimated cost of more than \$900K to fully rehab and bring up to standard
- Up to 9 Tennis Courts on site

Potential Alternate Locations



Washington Park
Tennis Court



Ballena Bay
Tennis Court

Fiscal Impact

- Completing the project as proposed has no anticipated impact on the operating budget at this time
- Krusi Park Tennis Court Resurfacing is currently funded as part of the FY **2023** revised budget.
- The Financial Impact for other locations has been estimated, however these figures are not definitive. Additionally, no funding sources has been identified nor has additional funding been allocated for new Pickleball Courts or Multi-Sport Courts to be installed or constructed at this time.

Staff Recommendation

- ARPD staff recommends moving forward with resurfacing the Krusi Park Tennis Courts, and only installing Tennis Court lines at this time.
 - ARPD staff can still move forward without adding the Pickleball striping and arrange for the Tennis Courts to be resurfaced with only the Tennis court striping being replaced.
 - Currently the playing surface is in dire need of repair and resurfacing regardless of whether Pickleball lines are added or not.
 - ARPD can add Pickleball striping in the future should conditions change and neighborhood support improve.
- ARPD staff further recommends that Commissioners provide feedback and direction on alternative sites for potential dedicated Pickleball courts or multi-sport courts with Pickleball striping so staff can move forward with implementing a process to further explore alternative sites.